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## **SOUTH CAROLINA EGG PRODUCTION UP**

**SOUTH CAROLINA'S** laying flocks produced 100 million eggs during May, up 12 percent from last year, according to the USDA-NASS, South Carolina Field Office. Production totaled 76 million table eggs and 24 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,446,000 birds, up 7 percent from 4,160,000 a year ago. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,249 eggs, compared with 2,139 in 2010.

**UNITED STATES** egg production totaled 7.78 billion during May 2011, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.67 billion table eggs, and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 72 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during May 2011 averaged 338 million, down slightly from last year. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,302 eggs, up 1 percent from May 2010.

## **SOUTH CAROLINA BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION DECREASES**

During the month of May, **SOUTH CAROLINA'S** broiler hatcheries produced 19.53 million chicks, down 5 percent from last year's 20.55 million chicks.

The **UNITED STATES** broiler-type chicks hatched during May 2011 totaled 807 million, up 1 percent from May 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 642 million on June 1, 2011, down 2 percent from a year earlier.